

USE OF FORCE

Directive: **7.9**

A. Use of Physical Force

The use of physical force shall be restricted to the circumstances specified by Law (Title 11, Section 467) when necessary to accomplish a police task successfully.

1. Unnecessary Force resulting in "serious physical injury" as defined in Title 11, Section 222 will result in disciplinary action as specified for a class A violation.
2. Unnecessary Force will result in disciplinary action as specified for a Class "C" violation.

B. Duty to Report Use of Physical Force

1. Whenever any member(s) is required, on duty, to use any physical force or departmental equipment against another person, the member(s) shall immediately notify their IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR. If this is not possible, the member(s) will notify their IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR as soon as possible following the incident. The notified supervisor will submit a Departmental Information to the Chief of Police and will cause the member(s) to cover their actions in their incident report.
2. Whenever any member(s) is required, off duty, to use or threaten the use of any physical force or use any departmental equipment against another person, the member(s) shall immediately notify their ON DUTY SUPERVISOR. If this is not possible, the member(s) will notify an ON DUTY SUPERVISOR as soon as possible following the incident. The notified supervisor will submit a Departmental Information to the chief of Police and will cause the member(s) to submit a Departmental Information report no later than the member's next work day.

VIOLETIONS OF SECTIONS B1 OR B2 WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION SPECIFIED FOR A CLASS C VIOLATION.

C. Display of Firearms

Whenever any member(s) display a firearm in the presence of a person, or directs the firearm at that person, the member(s) shall immediately notify their immediate supervisor. If this is not possible, the member(s) will notify their immediate supervisor as soon as possible following the incident.

The notified supervisor will submit a Departmental Information to the Chief of Police and will cause the member(s) to cover their actions in their incident report. Violations of Section C will result in disciplinary action as specified for a class "E" violation.